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December 22, 1951

TO : Frank Wisner  
Deputy Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
25X1A  
FROM : [REDACTED]  
SUBJECT: <sup>th</sup> Soviet Campaign on Kirsten Amendment and MSA Funds

~~I think~~ it would be a mistake to meet ~~this~~ campaign head-on, to engage in a slugging match on the question, "Who is the big subverter, any how?"

~~I think~~ <sup>✓</sup> we can reap much more profit by flanking the Vishinsky salient and hitting him from the rear. Or to put it another way, ~~we~~ <sup>think</sup> we should employ jui-jutsu and take advantage of another of Vishinsky's own momentum to throw him.

~~As I see it,~~ these should be our objectives:

1. To arouse hope and resistance behind the Iron Curtain.
2. To create hope and confidence in Western Europe.
3. To promote healthy ridicule of the Russians everywhere.

To advance toward these objectives, we should adopt a simple three-word theme: "The Kremlin is alarmed."

Behind the Iron Curtain, we should encourage the thought that Vishinsky's wild charges in the U. S. show that the Kremlin is alarmed.

We should try to make people feel: The Kremlin is alarmed because:

1. We Poles (we Czechs, we Hungarians) are resisting. (All evidence of resistance, such as peasant resistance to collectivization, can be used to give credence to this thought.)

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✓ 2. It cannot trust its own puppets. (Each new Slansky case can be used for corroboration.)

3. It fears American power and now realizes that America will not desert us.

4. It is having trouble at home. (All news of trouble on the Soviet home front can be used, but we should be careful not to exaggerate.)

In Western Europe we should use similar material to show that the Kremlin is alarmed to build up an impression that Vishinsky's tirade was a sign of fear and weakness. This should lead into our treatment of the Hungarian trial of the four American flyers. Again, it is a sign of a neurosis, of a growing nervousness over the troubles within the Soviet bloc.

On both sides of the curtain, we should try to make Vishinsky look ridiculous. "First he laughed all night, then he cried all day." He is like the too-clever wrestler who bit his own leg and then cried "Foul."

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5 January 1956.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: MESSRS. [REDACTED]

DD/P added the following comments to the foregoing:

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"This memorandum of [REDACTED] has been approved for full implementation by OPC - in a communication with [REDACTED] on 27 December. I think it a good line for us - and I suggest that we get going with whatever we can to plug it - the main point being that Vishinsky is crying because he (and the Kremlin) is afraid - and what they are afraid of is their own (and the Satellite) people. That is why they are so sensitive and are trying to make so much of the Kirilen Amendment and related matters."

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		REC'D	FWD'D		
1. <i>Dadpc</i>				<i>GM</i>	2. to 3. Would you please call me re your comments when you've read. #2958 <i>adjarob/as</i>
2. <i>SAH</i>				<i>ag/as</i>	
3. <i>CPZ</i>				<i>112</i>	
4. <i>DCPY</i>	25X1A			<i>JHK</i>	
5. <i>[REDACTED]</i> <i>PY/PW</i>		9 Jan. (1435)	10 March	<i>PAH</i>	4 to 5 Copies of the attached have gone to all areas, together with SA(P)'s comments. #2 above tells us SA(P) is very anxious to see something develop along these lines & I am so advising the areas - H.G.L.
6. <i>col.</i> <i>PY</i>	25X1A	3/10	10/10	<i>[initials]</i>	
7. <i>Angela - please file</i>					PY/PW, at the request of EE, obtained clearances from State & Air Force for Capt. Swift of ransomed U.S. father to appear as guest of honor at a dinner by American-Hungarian Federation in Philadelphia. Proceedings were broadcast over VOA & R.F.E. <i>[REDACTED]</i>
8. <i>in BB correspondence</i>					
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PY/PW's "Minsk's laughter" script also broadcast over RFE.

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1. CPY				<i>Shw</i>	<i>See.</i>
2.					<i>Division shd be alerted to press</i>
3.					<i>These items whenever possible.</i>
4.					<i>OB</i>
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7.					<i>Done 1-11-52</i>
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